

**BARRINGTON, IL** – Today, Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) attended the 37th annual Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce Installation and Awards Presentation Luncheon. The event included remarks from the 2005 and 2006 Chairs, Chuck Van Fossan and Karen Lambert, respectively; Karen Darch, Village of Barrington President, also inducted the Chamber's officers for the new year.

Bean noted that the Barrington Chamber of Commerce is one of the preeminent engines of growth in the northwestern region of Cook County. She congratulated the Chamber leadership and the entire Barrington business community on another successful year.

Bean is a member of the Small Business Committee, and has worked hard to maintain an open dialogue with members of the local business community. She has been a vocal advocate on issues important to small businesses, co-sponsoring legislation to expand small business development centers and successfully advocating lower rates on small business loans.

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